

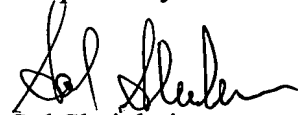
**REMARKS**

In the official action of March 4, 2004, the Examiner rejected Claim 21, allowed Claims 1 – 20, and indicated that Claims 22 – 34 would also be allowable if suitably amended.

In order to facilitate the allowance of the application, the foregoing amendment conforms the claims to what was indicated as being allowable. Thus, the subject matter of Claim 22 has been incorporated into Claim 21, thereby in effect rewriting Claim 22 in independent form, which was indicated as allowable. The remaining amendments merely consist of amendments to several dependent claims in order to identify the claim from which it depends by the proper claim number, namely Claim 21.

Since the application otherwise appears to be in condition for allowance, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sol Sheinbein', is written over the printed name.

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